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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DECLARATION

Inventor(s):	Kunitake MATSUSHITA, et al.		
Application Number:			
Filing Date:			
Entitled:	STEPPING MOTOR		

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship is as stated below next to their name(s).

We believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventor(s) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

STEPPING MOTOR

the specification of which was filed on October 12, 2004 as PCT international application Number PCT/JP2004/015027.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)–(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application that designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box corresponding to any foreign application for patent, inventor's rights certificate(s), or corresponding to any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed Yes
2003-404756	Japan .	December 3,2003	\boxtimes
PCT/JP2004/015027	PCT	October 12, 2004	\boxtimes

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, as listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the Claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true; all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

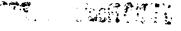
The attorneys of record in said application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert in this Declaration the date and application number thereof in the places provided therefor.

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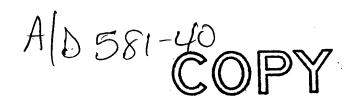
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Inventor(s):	Kunitake MATSUSHITA, et al.			
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We hereby appoint:				
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as our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.				
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We are the:				
Applicant(s)/Inventor(s).	Applicant(s)/Inventor(s).			
Assignee of record of the <i>entire</i> interest.	Assignee of record of the entire interest.			
Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) is enclosed.				
SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record				
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Signature: T. Yemogtow				
Date: December 1, 2005				
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

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Filing Date:

In consideration of good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned in STEPPING MOTOR

and in the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by the undersigned, and in any Reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application and in any foreign Letters Patent derived therefrom, are hereby assigned by the undersigned to **Minebea Co.**, Ltd., a Japanese corporation, and the successors, legal representatives and assigns of **Minebea Co.**, Ltd. (hereinafter collectively called said "Assignee"), and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

For said considerations, it is also hereby agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any necessary and proper oaths or affidavits relating to said application or required for the filing or prosecution of any Divisional, Continuation or Continuation-In-Part application therefor or for the filing and prosecution of any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted on said invention or improvements that said Assignee may deem necessary or expedient, and for said consideration, it is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any Reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said Assignee in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and further to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said Assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this Assignment and sale had not been made, and for said considerations, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements, including all priority rights, and the right to claim priority rights and the privileges and benefits thereof, including those under the International Convention, and all other Conventions, and the right to file applications for patent in said Assignee's own name for said invention or improvements in each and every country of the world are hereby assigned and granted by the undersigned to said Assignee, it is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any and all documents that shall be required of the undersigned to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee, the

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attorneys of record in said application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert in this Assignment the date and serial number thereof in the places provided therefor.

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